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NEW DRUNK DRIVING EXHIBIT TO BE INTRODUCED AT MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT LEARNING CENTER DURING DECEMBER 2 PROGRAM

LANSING, MI, December 1, 2004 – “Drunk driving is illegal. It is dangerous, and there are many consequences for those who break the law.”

That message—an important one for teens and young adults—is the theme of the computer-interactive program, *Drinking & Driving: Know the Consequences*, a new exhibit at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center.

Rachael Drenovsky, Learning Center Coordinator, said that the program “will reinforce one of the most important messages that young people can hear: that driving drunk has real-life, devastating consequences.”

The exhibit describes how alcohol impairs driving and details what happens at a traffic stop when a police officer suspects drunk driving. The exhibit also illustrates the results of drinking and driving, including legal, economic, emotional, and physical consequences.

Developed for the Learning Center with the input of legal experts and law enforcement, *Drinking & Driving: Know the Consequences* was funded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The exhibit will be unveiled at a special program for middle and high school students in the Learning Center, which is located on the first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing. The program begins at noon and features a speakers’ panel, including Hon. Michael F. Cavanagh, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court; Hon. Harvey J. Hoffman, a district court judge who presides over a “sobriety court”; Michael Prince, Division Director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning; and an individual who is a successful participant in sobriety court. The hour-long panel discussion will be followed by a special tour of the Learning Center at 1 p.m.

Representatives of several Lansing-area schools, including Lansing Catholic Central High School, Otto Middle School, Sexton High School, Waverly Middle School, and Waverly High School, will attend the program.

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